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# *News Release*

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## **SUPREME COURT CENSURES JUSTICE OF THE PEACE**

PHOENIX. The Commission on Judicial Conduct announced today that the Arizona Supreme Court has censured Judge Mark Chiles for misconduct in office. Judge Chiles has been a justice of the peace in Maricopa County since November 2006.

The court's decision was based on a stipulated agreement between disciplinary counsel and the judge in which the judge admitted violating the Code of Judicial Conduct when he repeatedly abused his power to hold individuals in contempt of court. The full text of the stipulated agreement can be viewed on the commission's web site at [www.azcourts.gov/ethics](http://www.azcourts.gov/ethics) by selecting Commission on Judicial Conduct, Judicial Complaints, 2010-275.

The commission is an independent state agency with jurisdiction over all state and local judges. It is composed of six judges, two attorneys, and three public members. The commission investigates complaints and submits recommendations in formal cases to the state supreme court for final decision.

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